

Dear Miss Sutherland <sup>Dec 9<sup>th</sup> 1892</sup>  
I am  
sorry to trouble you again  
but if I had the legal  
right to control Mary  
I would tell Mary's sisters  
to either take Mary to share  
their home or leave her  
entirely to me —

the quarrel between Pauline  
and Minnie seems very bitter  
each ~~want~~<sup>one</sup> wants Mary  
to visit at their home  
and both say they cannot  
take Mary to keep —  
Minnie tells me Pauline is  
not the guardian but Mr Earn  
the lawyer — and Pauline  
says Minnie has lied so much



that Mary must not visit  
there and that I must  
bid Mamma or her aunt  
visiting Mary —  
Pauline says she will  
hold me responsible  
for Mary —  
when I have Mary to  
myself — she'll sing  
hymns with me — but  
seems up-set and different  
when she has been away  
a day — then she comes  
home longing for a different life  
when Pauline visited me last week  
I told her if she wanted Mary to  
share her home we would part  
as friends — but Pauline said she  
could not take Mary — so I told  
Mary to ask your advice on the matter and  
then do as ~~you~~ say — Gratefully  
Adia B. Grimm